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News Release

FORT MITCHELL MAN ARRESTED ON INSURANCE FRAUD CHARGES Allegedly sold fake auto insurance to 43 individuals

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 10, 2007) – A Fort Mitchell man was arrested Oct. 4 after being charged with issuing fake insurance cards and accepting premiums from 43 individuals for fake auto insurance.

The arrest of Michael Leroy Fleckinger, 28, came after a three-month investigation by the Kentucky Office of Insurance (KOI) Fraud Investigation Division. Fleckinger has been charged with 13 felony counts of insurance fraud for allegedly taking more than \$9,000 in premiums from individuals to whom he sold insurance.

The KOI investigation began in June when a northern Kentucky consumer called the Consumer Protection and Education Division to report that she had gone to the Boone County Clerk's office to transfer the title on a vehicle. She was told that the insurance card for Fleckinger's business, Amtrek Two Insurance Company, was not valid. The company is not authorized to sell insurance in Kentucky and Fleckinger is not a licensed agent.

"We are aware of one person who has a pending claim," said KOI Executive Director Julie Mix McPeak. "We hope that is the extent of the damage to consumers.

"This case should be a reminder to all consumers to 'Stop, Call and Confirm' before purchasing insurance coverage," McPeak said. "Stop before you write your check or turn over your cash. Call us to confirm that the company and agent involved in any transaction are properly licensed."

KOI's toll-free number is 1-800-595-6053.

If convicted, Fleckinger could face a fine of up to \$10,000 for each count on which he is convicted and a prison term of up to 20 years.

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